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SUBJ: UN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON TERRORISM

1. SUMMARY: GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED JULY 25 WITH STATEMENTS BY JAPAN, SWEDEN, ZAMBIA, AUSTRIA, HAITI, AND GUINEA. SPEAKDER'S LIST CLOSED WITH ALGERIA ADDED FOR JULY 30. BUREAU MEETING ON ORGANIZATION OF WORK BEGAN AT CLOSE OF AFTERNOON MTG. OF COMITE. END SUMMARY.

2. JAPAN REP SAID GOJ CONCERN RE INCREASE ACTS OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM IS SHARED BY OTHER GOV'TS. SUCH ACTS VIOLATE HUMAN RIGHTS. GOJ HAS STRESSED NEED FOR URGENT MEASURES AND HAS SUGGESTED: (A) MEMBER STATES SHOULD TAKE INTERNAL MEASURES, INCL. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND MUTUAL JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE; (B) ALL STATES SHOULD BECOME PARTIES TO TOKYO, HAGUE AND MONTREAL AND IMPLEMENT THEM; (C) GA SHOULD CONDEMN ACTS OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM; (D) MACHINERY TO DEAL WITH SUCHAACTS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED (I.E. CONVENTION). RE DEFINITION OF TERRORISM, HE SAID ABSTRACT DEFINITION NOT NECESSARY AND WOULD TAKE LONG TOME.
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HE SAID STUDY OF CAUSES SHOULD START, BUT THIS LONG RANGE AND SHOUDN'T HOLD UP MEASURES. BELIEVES SATISFACTORY FORMULA ENSURING RESPECT FOR RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION CAN BE WORKED OUT.

SUPPORTS CONCLUSION OF SYG TO REPORT TO 28TH GA THAT SOME METHODS OF VIOLENCE NEVER PERMISSIBLE. RE ORGANIZATION OF WORK, HE SUPPORTED ESTABLISHING SUB-COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH MEASURES. COULD ALSO ACCEPT 2 SUB-COMMITTEES, SECOND ONE ON CAUSES. RE JAL HIJACKING, WHILE HE SAID PASSENGERS AND CREW ESCAPED SERIOUS INJURY, IT SHOWED NEED FOR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEASURES.

3. SWEDISH REP REFERRED TO NEED FO IDENTIFYING WHAT MEANT BY "INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM," NOTING FUZZINESS AND DISCREPENCIES IN WHAT MEANT BY TERM E.G. AF'S VIEWS, WEO'S VIEWS, WARFARE. HE SAID IF WORK OF COMITE TO BE MEANINGFUL, SHOULD DRAW REASONABLE LIMITS TO WORK AND AVOID DUPLICATING WORK IN OTHER GA ORGANS. NEVERTHELESS, HE FOUND FRENCH SUGGESTED DEFINITION FRAUGHT WITH AMBIGUITY AND DIFFICULTY. RATHER, FIND OTHER ACTS WHICH MEET WITH SUCH UNIVERSAL CONDEMNATION AS HIJACKING. HE SAID INTERNATIONAL ELEMENT MUST BE MORE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED THAN IN SUGGESTION IN SOUTH AFRICAN COMMENT. RE CAUSES, HE NOTED RES 3034 EMPHASIZED THIS. HE SUGGESTED THAT IT FIRST REQUIRED TO DESCRIBE (NOT DEFINE) WHAT IS CONVERED, AND DID SO MUCH ALONG US LINES: INDIVIDUAL ACTS OF VIOLENCE COMMITTED FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES OUTSIDE AN AREA OF CONFLICT. RE CAUSES, COULD LOOK TO MOTIVES OF INDIVIDUALS OR THE CONFLICTS INVOLVED. REVIEWED DIFFICULTIES OF THESE. HE SAID COMMITTEE COULD ONLY DESCRIBE THESE PROBLEMS IN RATHER GENERAL TERMS, NOT SOLVE THEM, BUT COULD SIA OTHER BODIES IN GETTING SOLUTIONS. BUT NOT AWAIT SUCH SOLUTION BEFORE TAKING MEASURES. COMMON INTERESTS IN ACTION NOT FOUND BECAUSE OF FEAR THAT ACTION COULD BE USED TO DETRIMENT OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, BUT SWEDISH REP SAID THIS A TERMINOLOGICAL DIFFICULTY BECAUSE UNCLASSIFIED

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COLONIAL REGIMES DESCRIBED ALL ACTIONS AGAINST THEM AS TERRORISM. NEVERTHELESS, MUST FIND COMMON DENOMINATOR OF UNACCEPTABLE ACTS. HE AGREED THAT WIDE CONSENSUS NEEDED FOR MEANINGFUL PROGRESS. A GENERAL CONVENTION, HE THOUGHT, HAD LITTLE CHANCE. RAHTER, HE SUPPORTED VIEW THAT ONE MIGHT COVER SPECIFIC ACTS, E.G., LETTER BOMBS, TAKING OF HOSTAGES.

4. ZAMBIAN REP SAID HE AGREED WITH SWEDISH REP. ZAMBIAN REP SAID ONE MUST REFRAIN FROM DOING ANYTHING THAT WOULD RESTRICT FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN AFRICA,

WHO "HAVE A RIGHT TO USE WHATEVER MEANS AVAILABLE" TO THEM
IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION. CITING
EXAMPLES OF REPRESSION BY COLONIAL REGIMES, HE SAID
FLARING UP OF VOILENCE UNDERSTANDABLE. COMITE,
HE SAID, SHOULD AGREE ON SPECIAL STATUS OF FREEDOM
FIGHTERS AT OUTSET. HIS DEL, ON OTHER HAND, DOES
NOT SUPPORT AND COMDEMNS, TERRORISM FOR PURE
CUPIDITY. HE HOPED TO SUBMIT TO COMITE DEFINITIVE
PROPOSALS DEALING WITH CAUSES OF AND REMEDIES FOR TERRORISM
FOR PURE CUPIDITY.

5. AUSTRIAN REP SAID OBSERVATIONS OF MEMBER
STATES CONTAINED COMMON ELEMENTS: GRAVE CONCERN
ABOUT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM; URGENT NEED TO DEAL WITH
PROBLEM EFFECTIVELY; RECOGNITION OF
LEGITIMATE STRUGGLE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION.
HE SAID PROBLEM OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM
OF COMMON INTEREST TO ALL COUNTRIES. HIS DEL
AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO DELINEATE
SCOPE MORE CLEARLY WITH VIEW OF DRAFTING LEGAL
INSTRUMENT BASED ON PRINCIPLE OF EXTRADITION OR
PUNISHMENT. HE AGREED TO STUDY OF UNDERLYING
CAUSES SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH WORK ON LEGAL INSTRUMENT,
BUT SAID STUDY SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT EFFORTS
IN UN CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO DEAL WITH SPECIFIC
PROBLEMS. HE SAID WORK OF AD HOC COMITE
WOULD NOT INFRINGE ON RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION.
HE HOPED THAT TWO OPEN-ENDED SUB-COMITES WOULD BE
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ESTABLISHED WITHOUT DELAY TO FOCUS ATTENTION
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6. HAITI REP SAID WORLD LOOKING TO UN FOR EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS OF PROBLEM. GOH CATEGORICALLY CONDEMNS TERRORISM REGARDLESS OF MOTIVE, DESPITE SYMPATHY WITH PEOPLES UNDER COLONIAL DOMINATION. HE REFERRED TO HUMAN RIGHTS, ESPECIALLY RIGHT TO LIFE, BEING VIOLATED BY TERRORISM AND ALSO TO OBLIGATION TO PROTECT DIPLOMATS, AND OTHER FOREIGNERS, AND TO TAKE MEASURES ON NATIONAL LEVEL WITH THIS AIM. HE STRESSED NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION AND SAID GOH ANTICIPATED SIGNING EXISTING CONVENTIONS. HE SAID GOH WOULD PARTICIPATE IN WORK ON NEW MEASURES, BUT DOUBTED NEW CONVENTION WOULD PROVE THE ANSWER. NEW MEASURES, HE SAID, SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF RECEIVING WIDE SUPPORT. REGARDING CUASES, AFTER MENTIONING COLONIALISM, APARTHEID, AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, HE SAID CAUSES HARD TO IDENTIFY. HE SUPPORTED INTER ALIA UK SUGGESTIONS FOR UNGA RES (SEE PARA 3 OF USUN 2670).

7. GUINEAN REP SAID THAT GOV'TS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT CAUSES MUST BE KNOWN BEFORE SOLVING PROBLEM. WHILE ADMITTING TERRORISM HAD BECOME NIGHTMARE OF MANY COUNTRIES, HE SAID IT MERELY LOGICAL CONSEQUENCY OF ACTS OF INSTITUTIONS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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PEOPLES IN REPRESESSION SELF-DETERMINATION. HE SAID GOG POSITION CLEAR THAT ONE PEOPLE SHOULD NOT SUBMIT TO ANOTHER. HE CITED CASES OF COLONIAL DOMINATION. SINCE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAD FAILED, HE SAID VIOLENCE ON PART OF REPRESSED PEOPLE WAS LEGITIMATE AND ONLY ALTERNATIVE. HE URGED THAT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY NOT BE DUPED INTO RES'S OR CONVENTIONS WHICH COULD BE USED FOR COLONIAL REPRESSION. QUICKEST SOLUTION TO TERRORISM, HE SAID, WOULD RESULT FROM APPEAL TO COUNTRIES TO RESTRUCTURE THEIR SOCIETIES. HE CITED JULY 24 NY TIMES PAGE 2 AS SHOWING INCARNATION OF TERROR.

8. NEXT MTG. OF COMITE AFTERNOON JULY 26. SPEAKER'S LIST CLOSED AS REPORTED PARA 7 OF USUN 2670 EXCEPT THAT ALGERIA ADDED TO LIST. ALGERIA HAD SIGNED UP FOR JULY 27, BUT SWITCHED TO P.M. JULY 30 (FOLLOWING SOVS EXAMPLE). SCALI

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